

SECRETARY WILSON RETURNS FROM TRIP

Sets Forth His Views on Conservation of Our Natural Resources.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has returned to his desk, after an absence of about two months in the West, during which time he looked into affairs involving his department in a number of States.

The Secretary came home, to find his desk piled with business, but he has set forth some views on the question of conservation of natural resources, especially relating to the forests and the water supplies of the Western States.

Prosperity Bulletin
In addition to this, he brings a most cheering prosperity bulletin. The West doesn't know much about the alleged business troubles. Its farmers have magnificent crops growing and are selling the old crops, and preparing to sell the new one, for high prices. Weather and crop conditions this season have been excellent, and the new crop, the Secretary believes, will have a most buoyant effect on financial and commercial conditions all over the country. He confidently looks for a continuation of the improvement in business which has been apparent everywhere for the last few months, and for its forward movement at an accelerated speed.

But when he turned to the question of natural resources, the Secretary was not pleased with what he had learned. In the first place, he had found that many streams in the mountain country are drying up, the result of cutting away the forest growth and the serious removal of forests for lumber. The experience of the mountain West in recent times has settled this question. There is no longer doubt that the denudation of the mountains has a direct and most serious effect on the streams.

Water Supply
"In Colorado," said Secretary Wilson, "I learned that two of the big sugar factories have been closed down because of the slack supply of water. They raise their sugar beets out there on the irrigated areas, and when the water supply is seriously reduced, the beet crop is immediately cut off."

The best sugar interest in Colorado and Utah is nowadays becoming a most important one, and anything which affects it is looked upon with great interest. Secretary Wilson is more than ever convinced of the great necessity of pressing the movement for preservation of the forests, water, and water means both irrigation and power.

Increase in Productiveness.
"Generally speaking," said the Secretary, "the information of our department shows that in recent years there has been a considerable increase in the productiveness of the soil. We have investigated this carefully, and there is no doubt that the acre yield of crops is showing a most significant increase. We attribute it to better farming methods, to assimilation of the scientific information about crop rotation, caring for the soil, etc., which the department and the agricultural colleges have placed at the command of the farmers, and to a general effort at intelligent preservation of the elements which enable the soil to do its best work."

Taft's Chances.
Speaking of political conditions, Secretary Wilson said that the drift in the West is all for Taft, and he expressed strong conviction, based on his inquiries in a number of States, that Mr. Taft will carry all the States that President Roosevelt carried four years ago, so far as concerns the West. The feeling that Republican rule will bring back general prosperity, and assure its continuance, is a powerful influence with the voters. Later in the campaign, the Secretary will go out for a speaking tour, in the course of which he will talk for the Republican ticket, especially in New England.

WOULD PUT A BAN ON "FLAT" WHEELS

Commission Recommends That Nuisance Be Abolished—Will Investigate "High Steps."

A recommendation to the Interstate Commerce Commission, that a regulation be promulgated and adopted forbidding the use of street cars with "flat wheels," and a decision to investigate the matter of high steps, was the most important business transacted at yesterday's meeting of the District railway commission.

In the matter of high steps being used on certain car lines in the District, Secretary Eddy was ordered to obtain detailed data from various car manufacturing companies in the United States. The next meeting of the commission will be on September 10, when General Wilson, president of the body, will return to Washington from a few weeks' vacation.

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Governor Fort's Name Is Hissed By Atlantic City Business Men

Charge of Lawlessness Against the Resort Declared to Be a Lie—Effort Made to Break Machine at Stormy Meeting.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 1.—Hundreds of men crowded into Odd Fellows' Hall last evening and hissed and hooted every mention of the name of Governor Fort because he had declared that Atlantic City presents the spectacle of a "saturnalia of vice," and had forced the closing of the saloons on Sunday under threats of placing the resort under martial law.

In the presence of several hundred supporters of Mayor Stoy and Boss Kuchnie, Joseph W. Salus, foreman of the grand jury which failed to find indictments last Wednesday at Mayor's Landing, declared that Governor Fort's accusation that Atlantic City was lawless was an unqualified lie. He then added, amid such enthusiasm as has never been heard at a meeting here:

"The good name of Atlantic City can only be saved by a change in administration that will put men in office who will have the respect even of the governor."

Mr. Salus was frequently interrupted by cries for Stoy and Kuchnie, but even in the midst of these he, in genuine political convention style, placed in nomination for mayor the name of Col. Walter E. Edge, former secretary of the State senate.

Mr. Salus declared that Mr. Edge was the choice of the business, and hotel men of the resort. This declaration almost precipitated a fight in the meeting, and it was only a few of the cooler and more deliberate men grouped on the platform who prevented the meeting being brought to a disorderly conclusion.

This unofficial nomination of Edge

ATTEMPT TO DIE THWARTED BY SON

Ten-Year-Old Elmer Hayes Prevents Despondent Mother From Taking Acid.

Despondent because of marital troubles, Mrs. Blanche Hayes, of 1623 Kramer street, yesterday, attempted to swallow carbolic acid in the presence of her ten-year-old son, Elmer, yesterday, but was prevented from taking her life by the struggle which the boy made to wrest the acid from her.

She had called the boy into the room, and told him what she was about to do. Terror-stricken, the lad attempted to snatch the bottle from his mother's hands, and, clinging to her wrist, he screamed at the top of his voice. His cries were heard by Mrs. Thomas Warren, a tenant of the same house, who ascended to the Hayes flat, and succeeded in preventing Mrs. Hayes from swallowing the contents of the bottle.

It is said that the woman has been estranged from her husband, John Hayes, a former employee of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, for some weeks, and that she sought to take her life following a vain attempt at reconciliation.

GIVES CRAB FEAST TO FLORISTS' CLUB

Edward S. Schmid to Be Host at a Dinner Tonight for His Friends.

Unless you happen to be a member of the Florists' Club of Washington, or a very particular friend of Edward S. Schmid, the bird man, it isn't at all likely that you will get in tonight's feast at the Eagles Hall, but you can get it from the artist who drew a picture of Mr. Schmid crabbing, that this affair is to be one of the best ever.

Mr. Schmid, it is commonly reported, has caught up till this morning 3,500 crabs and one sea-nettle. He is going to serve all of them tonight, when he entertains the florists, and in addition there will be some other things which are proper when a bird man gives a small dinner.

SIZES OF PLANETS.

The diameters of the eight planets are as follows: Mercury, 3,030 miles; Venus, 7,690; Earth, 7,918; Mars, 4,230; Jupiter, 86,880; Saturn, 71,000; Uranus, 34,460; Neptune, 34,300. About 465 asteroids or small planets have been discovered.

was considered by many as the beginning of a widespread movement here to smash the political machine which for so many years has controlled matters here.

The machine leaders, it is said, were busy throughout the day rallying their forces in order to prevent this mass meeting from becoming a move to put forward a reform candidate. It was evident from the number of Stoy enthusiasts present that a part of the program was to make so much noise as to make it impossible for any other names to be mentioned with any degree of dignity.

That this plan failed, however, was due to the forceful speech made by Mr. Salus, who became so enthusiastic in his endorsement of Edge that he ripped off his coat in the midst of his oratory.

A well-known independent in politics, Eli H. Chandler, began the speech-making. His attack on the governor was cheered again and again, and following it a motion was passed calling for a committee to draw resolutions condemning Governor Fort.

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FOREIGN SWINDLERS BARRED FROM MAILS

Holland Concern Denied Further Use of the United States Mail.

An extensive foreign swindling game was put under the ban by the Post-office Department today, which issued an order denying the further use of the United States mails to the firm of Durable & Co., at Amsterdam, Holland.

The Standard Glove Works, of San Francisco, Cal., reported to the Amsterdam consul at Amsterdam, Henry H. Morgan, that they had been victimized by Durable & Co., who had ordered goods and failed to make payment.

Consul Morgan replied that the firm was only one of several that had for several years made a practice of victimizing American manufacturers or ordering merchandise under the pretense that they were reliable, and then failing to make settlements. He also reported that everything possible had been done to protect the manufacturers of this country against the swindlers, but that very little had been accomplished, as it was not possible to punish those responsible for the frauds, the law holding that there is no crime in ordering goods and not paying therefor.

A fraud order was also issued today to cover the operations of Albert Jarumlowaky, at Hamburg, Germany, who previously did business at Schwerin, Mecklenburg, as the representative of a lottery.

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